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A full document copy of Khazanov et al. ("Electrolysis of Fused Aluminum Sulfide", Legkie Metally (1935), Vol. 4, No. 11, pp. 1-14), which was recited on the Examiner's Notice of References Cited dated November 24, 2008, where only a 1-page abstract was submitted, is submitted herewith.

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